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### THE GOLDEN CITY.

#### Full Particulars of the Disaster—Thirty-Five Lives Lost.

#### Stowe's Circus and Menagerie and Several Barges Destroyed.

MEMPHIS, TENN., March 31, 1882.—The Golden City when landing here at 4:30 a. m., Thursday, was discovered on fire.

The boat was at once headed for shore, and in four minutes she touched the wharf at the foot of Scale street, where a coal fleet is moored. A line was thrown and made fast to one of the coal barges, but the current being swift, it parted, and burning, the steamer floated down the river, a mass of flames with many of her passengers and crew aboard, who were unable to reach the shore were lost. The Golden City left New Orleans last Saturday en route to Cincinnati.

She carried a crew of about sixty. She had aboard forty cabin passengers, fifteen of whom were ladies and nine children. Her cargo consisted of three hundred tons among which was a lot of jute. The fire is said to have had its origin in this combustible material.

Among those known to have been lost are:

Dr. Monohan and wife, Jackson, Ohio.  
Mrs. Cray, Cincinnati.  
Miss Luella Cray, Winton Place.  
W. H. Stowe, wife and two children.  
Ollie Wood, Henderson, Ky.  
Mrs. Anna Smith, Massachusetts.  
Miss Campbell, Burlington, O.  
Mrs. Helen Percival.  
Mrs. L. E. Kounz and three children, of Burlington, O.

All the officers of the steamer safe, except the second engineer, Robert Kelly. He it was who first discovered the fire and gave the alarm, and remained at his post of duty until cut off by the flames.

Nearly all the cabin and deck crew of the steamer saved themselves. Stowe's circus was taken aboard at Vidalia, La., and six cages of animals and birds, together with a ticket and band wagon, tents and horses, were lost. Marion Purcell, one of the pilots, was in the clerk's office when the alarm first sounded, and he rushed through the cabin bursting in the state-room doors, and awakening the passengers.

So rapid did the flames spread that within five minutes after the discovery of the fire, which broke out amidship, the aft part of the steamer was all ablaze. Those that were saved had to flee in their night clothes. When the burning steamer touched the wharf the fire communicated to a coal fleet and the tug Oriole, which were also burned.

As near as can be ascertained, there were twenty-three ladies aboard but two of whom were saved.

J. H. Cronk, connected with Stowe's circus, is missing, supposed to be lost. John Devouse, his wife and three children were saved. Also, Simon Black.

It is estimated that thirty-five lives were lost.

The fire was caused by the watchman accidentally setting fire to a lot of jute which was stored amidships the steamer. She had just whistled to land and the watchman went among the deck passengers to notify them that Memphis was being approached, and those that were destined for here must get ashore. The bottom of his lamp dropped into some jute, and before the flames could be extinguished spread all over the deck of the steamer.

Brice Purcell, the pilot, made his escape by climbing over the front of the pilot house as the fire was all in the rear of him when the steamer touched wharf. The tug Oriole did not burn, as at first reported, but was sunk by the burning steamer in making the landing.

All the rescued passengers on the ill-fated steamer Golden City had a narrow escape and thrilling adventure. Pilot Purcell remained in the pilot house until enveloped by smoke with flames leaping around him, battling with desperation to effect a landing. When he first attempted it the tug Oriole was run down and three

negroes, who leaped aboard of the tug at the moment she went down, were seen no more.

W. C. Jewett says he was awakened by a cry of fire and sprang out of the bunk, but the floor was so hot it was torture to stand upon it. He gathered up his clothes and reached under the bunk to get his valise, when suddenly the flames broke through the floor and licked his face. He got out into the cabin, which he found full of smoke, and had to crawl to the guards, escaping to the deck by sliding down a spar he made his toilet on the river bank.

Among the circus horses lost was the noted Selim. Three trick horses promptly obeyed the call of the keeper and sprang ashore. A buffalo broke his halter and dashed through the crowd to the bank; every hair was burned from his hide, he having passed through the fire.

Mrs. Stowe, wife of the proprietor of the show, was lost. She was formerly Lizzie Marcellus, once Barnum's greatest attraction.

A bear, which escaped, swam to a skiff in mid stream and climbed in. The skiffman was in doubt whether to swim for it or to remain, and as the bear quietly laid down he buckled to his oars and pulled his strange passenger ashore, where the circus people took charge of it. One man clung to the buffalo, which swam ashore with him.

The scene as the boat drifted out into the stream was heart-rending, the cries of men and shrieks of women rising above the roar of the flames.

In addition to the names already sent of the saved are John Masten, Willie McKinley and James Myers, of Henderson, Ky.; John Devouse, wife and three children, and Simson Block.

A man named Butler, who was on the ill-fated steamer with his wife and three children, had the most thrilling escape of all. When the alarm was given he dragged his wife and children out into the cabin, which was filled with smoke, and finally managed to get them to the head of the stairway, up which the flames rushed in a grand volume, cutting off escape by that means.

Butler saw a man standing on the swinging stage plank, and called out to catch his babies. The man stood firm, and Butler threw the two youngest children one at a time into his arms, and he put them in places of safety. The eldest girl thirteen years old was next thrown, but the man below was unable to catch her and she fell to the deck further. He then helped his wife to a spar, down which they slid to the deck. The insensible girl was then picked up from the deck, and all escaped.

Only one body as yet has been recovered, which is thought to be that of captain Kounts' wife. She was much disfigured by fire.

Pat. Haley and Mike O'Donnell, the two firemen who were on watch, say they saw the negro captain of the watch named Wash, with his lamp in his hand looking for some of the deck crew, and it was from his lamp that the fire caught the jute stored in the center of the steamer, and as quick as flash spread to either side of the steamer and up to the cabin.

Haley ran up stairs to notify the chief engineer, but by the time he reached the hurricane deck the flame had mounted almost to the pilot-house, and he was driven back by the fire. He then rang the alarm bell, and, seeing the boat was approaching the shore, ran down the forward stairs and jumped on board the tug Oriole just as the Golden City struck her. Seeing the tug was sinking he sprang aboard the steamer again and made his way to the coal barge lying along the side. Two negro deck hands and a white deck passenger were killed when the tug was struck as they were caught between the bow of the boat and the side of the tug.

Anna Boyd, the colored chambermaid, and her assistant were both lost. Mike Molloy and Pat. Kinney, firemen, were saved; also M. J. Whelan, second baker. Whelan says he jumped overboard from the stern of the steamer as she floated down stream.

There were about ten men on the fantail of the boat, who must have been drowned, as when he leaped into the river he saw three men go overboard and drown; others must have shared the same fate.

Felix Lehman, who was a passenger, says there was a merry party aboard, and nearly all the passengers remained up until midnight. They had one or two gentlemen aboard who played the piano, and they entertained the passengers with music and singing.

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# To The Ladies!

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